

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A control server for controlling a first installed apparatus and a second installed apparatus, both of the first installed apparatus and the second installed apparatus providing sound output ~~of the same type~~, said control server comprising:

a communication unit configured to receive, from the first installed apparatus, a notification signal indicating a detection of changing a level of sound output of state of an output ~~of the first installed apparatus when the output of the first apparatus changes~~; and

an operating unit configured to

(i) determine, upon the communication unit receiving the notification signal from the first installed apparatus, whether or not to change a level of sound ~~[[an]]~~ output of the second installed apparatus, according to a distance between the first installed apparatus and the second installed apparatus, and

(ii) change the level of sound output of the second installed apparatus according to the detection of changing the level of sound state of the output of the first installed apparatus, the detection being indicated by the notification signal, when said operating unit determines to change the level of sound output of the second installed apparatus.

34. (Currently Amended) The control server according to claim 33, wherein said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section operable to acquire location related information which indicates a distance between an installed

location of the first installed apparatus and an installed location of the second installed apparatus;
and

said operating unit determines whether to change the level of sound output of the second installed apparatus based on when the distance between the installed location of the first installed apparatus and the installed location of the second installed apparatus, is less than a predetermined value the distance being indicated by the location related information acquired by the location related information acquiring section.

35. (Currently Amended) The control server according to claim 33, wherein
the notification signal indicates the detection of changing the ~~includes information~~
~~indicating a change of a sound-level of sound output of the first installed apparatus, or~~
~~information indicating during operation or indicates a detection of changing~~ a state of power of
the first installed apparatus, and

said control server decreases the ~~sound-level of~~ sound output of the second installed
apparatus or turns off the second installed apparatus when the notification signal indicates that
the ~~sound-level of~~ sound output of the first installed apparatus during operation increases or that
the first installed apparatus turns on.

36. (Currently Amended) The control server according to claim 34, wherein
the notification signal indicates the detection of changing the ~~includes information~~
~~indicating a change of a sound-level of sound output of the first installed apparatus, or~~
~~information indicating during operation or indicates a detection of changing~~ a state of power of
the first installed apparatus, and

said control server decreases the ~~sound~~-level of sound output of the second installed apparatus or turns off the second installed apparatus when the notification signal indicates that the ~~sound~~-level of sound output of the first installed apparatus during operation increases or that the first installed apparatus turns on.

37. (Currently Amended) The control server according to claim 33, wherein the notification signal indicates the detection of changing the ~~includes information indicating a change of a sound-level of sound output of the first installed apparatus, or information indicating during operation~~ or indicates a detection of changing a state of power of the first installed apparatus, and

said control server increases the ~~sound~~-level of sound output of the second installed apparatus or turns on the second installed apparatus when the notification signal indicates that the ~~sound~~-level of sound output of the first installed apparatus during operation decreases or that the first installed apparatus turns off.

38. (Currently Amended) The control server according to claim 34, wherein the notification signal indicates the detection of changing the ~~includes information indicating a change of a sound-level of sound output of the first installed apparatus, or information indicating during operation~~ or indicates a detection of changing a state of power of the first installed apparatus, and

said control server increases the ~~sound~~-level of sound output of the second installed apparatus or turns on the second installed apparatus when the notification signal indicates that

the sound-level of sound output of the first installed apparatus during operation decreases or that
the first installed apparatus turns off.